

**Preposition**—This is made of **two** words—Pre + position. Here **Pre** means **before** and **position** means **placed**. Hence Preposition is that **word** or **phrase** which is placed before a **Noun** or a **Pronoun**. A **Preposition** or a **Prepositional Phrase** shows the **relationship** of that Noun or Pronoun with some other word in the sentence.

### Forms of Preposition

A **Preposition** has the following forms—

**1. Simple Prepositions**—Prepositions of **one word** are called **Simple Prepositions**. As—

In, of, to, at, by, for, from, off, on, out, through, till, up, with, down.

**2. Compound Prepositions**—Prepositions formed by adding a **Prefix** to a **Noun, Adjective** or **Adverb** are called **Compound Prepositions**. Outwardly they look like one-word Prepositions, but in fact they are compound words. As—

About, above, across, along, amidst, among, amongst, around, before, behind, below, beneath, beside, between, beyond, inside, outside, underneath, within, without.

**3. Phrase Prepositions**—Some Phrases also serve as Single Prepositions. As—

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| According to    | in consequence of |
| agreeably to    | in course of      |
| along with      | in favour of      |
| away from       | in front of       |
| because of      | in lieu of        |
| by dint of      | in order to       |
| by means of     | in place of       |
| by reason of    | in reference to   |
| by virtue of    | in regard to      |
| by way of       | in spite of       |
| conformably to  | instead of        |
| for the sake of | in the event of   |

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| in accordance with | on account of     |
| in addition to     | owing to          |
| in (on) behalf of  | with a view to    |
| in case of         | with an eye to    |
| in comparison to   | with reference to |
| in compliance with | with regard to    |

**4. Participle Prepositions**—Some **Present Participles** are also used as Prepositions. As—

Concerning, considering, barring, during, notwithstanding, pending, regarding, respecting, touching.

### Functional Types of Prepositions

As we have said above, Prepositions show **relationships**. In different forms they show relationship of **Place, Time, Cause, Result, Purpose, Meeting** or **Parting**. On this basis Prepositions can be **classified** under the following **groups**—

#### (1) Prepositions of Place

On, at, in, against, above, across, before, behind, over, under, among, below, between, upon, etc.

#### (2) Prepositions of Time

After, before, at, on, by, behind, during, in, for, since, through, till, until, with, within, from, etc.

#### (3) Prepositions of Cause / Purpose

For, of, from, through, with, etc.

#### (4) Prepositions of Agency

By, in, with, without, at, through, with, etc.

#### (5) Prepositions of Manner

Like, with, by

#### (6) Prepositions of Possession

Of, by, with

#### (7) Prepositions of Measure / Rate / Value

At, by, for, to

**(8) Prepositions of contrast / Concession**

In spite of, notwithstanding, nevertheless

**(9) Prepositions of Separation**

From, of, off

**(10) Prepositions of Relationship**

With, together with, in company with, along with

**(11) Prepositions of support / Opposition**

For, against

**(12) Prepositions of Exception**

But, except, barring

**(13) Prepositions of Motive/ Inference/ Source/ Origin**

From, of

**(14) Prepositions of Direction**

To, towards, into, up, down, above, on

**Note**—From the above classification it would appear that no Preposition has a definite or fixed sense of relationship. The same Preposition may express different ideas or relationships. This depends upon their use in different situations.

**Use of Preposition**

Generally Prepositions are used **before their objects**.

1. The book is **on** the table.
2. He is **in** his office.
3. He is fond **of** tea.
4. She comes **from** Delhi.

In the above sentences **on, in, of, from** are Prepositions and they have all been used before their objects (**table, office, tea, Delhi**). A Preposition may have **two or more than two objects**. The Preposition will be used **before** the first of all these objects. As—

1. The cattle graze **in valleys** and **pastures**.
2. She is very fond **of grapes, apples** and **oranges**.

But in the following conditions Preposition is used **after the Object**—

(1) When the object is **Relative Pronoun 'that'**, the Preposition is placed at the **end** of the sentence. As—

1. This is the book **that** you asked **for**.
2. That is the car **that** you travelled **by**.
3. I know the man **that** you were talking **to**.

(2) Also when the **object is some understood** (hidden) **Relative Pronoun**, the Preposition is placed at the end of the sentence. As—

1. That is the house **λ** I lived **in**.

(In this sentence Relative Pronoun **'that'** or **'which'** is understood at the point marked **λ**)

2. That is the man (**whom**) I was speaking **of**.
3. There is the book (**that**) you were looking **for**.

(3) When the object is an **Interrogative Pronoun (who/whom/what/which)**, the Preposition is placed at the **end** of the sentence. As—

1. **What** are you looking **at** ?
2. **What** are you thinking **of** ?
3. **Which** of these houses do you live **in** ?
4. **Whom** are you going **with** ?

(4) Sometimes for the sake of **emphasis** the **object** is placed at the **beginning** of the sentence. In that case also the **Preposition** is placed at the **end** of the sentence. As—

1. **Him** I depend **on**.
2. **This** I insist **on**.
3. **That** you must speak **out**.

(5) In the **Passive Voice** also the **Preposition** is placed at the **end** of the sentence.

1. He can be relied **upon**.
2. Was the proposal agreed **to** ?

**Exercise**

**Correct the following sentences :**

1. This is the point on that I insist.
2. This is the post that for I have applied.
3. That is the goal after that he is running.
4. Of who are you thinking ?
5. On which chair did you sit ?
6. That is the thief after the police was running.
7. In which house do you live ?
8. Against whom are you complaining ?
9. Of that I am really proud.
10. Of what do you accuse him ?

**Hints**—(1) that I insist on; (2) that I have applied for; (3) that he is running after; (4) Who

are you thinking of ? (5) did you sit on ? (6) the police was running after; (7) do you live in; (8) Whom are you complaining against? (9) that I am really proud of; (10) do you accuse him of.

### Omission of Preposition

In some situations the Preposition is **not used**. There either it is **not required**, or it is **omitted**.

(1) No Preposition is required before the object of a **Transitive verb**. As—

1. I shall **meet you** again.  
(‘**meet with you**’ is wrong.)
2. They **caught the thief**.  
(‘**caught to the thief**’ is wrong.)
3. I **read a book**.  
(‘**read of a book**’ is wrong.)
4. We **have done our work**.  
(‘**have done of our work**’ is wrong.)

(2) Before expressions of **Place** and **Time** no Preposition (**for, from, in, on**) is used. As—

1. I came here **last week**.  
(Not, ‘**in last week**’)
2. I am going **abroad**.  
(Not, ‘**for abroad**’)
3. Please wait a **minute**.  
(Not, ‘**wait for a minute**’)
4. She is waiting **outside**.  
(Not, ‘**waiting on outside**’)

(3) When some expressions of **Time** (as **morning, evening, day, night, month, year**, etc.) have some qualifying words as **this, that, next, every, last, all** used before them, **no Preposition** is needed before them. As—

1. He went **this morning**.
2. He met me **last evening**.
3. He is coming again **next Sunday**.

**Note**—But if these expressions of **Time** have no qualifying words before them, they take necessary Prepositions before them. As—

1. He went **in the morning**.
2. He met me **in the evening**.
3. He is coming again **on Sunday**.

(4) No Preposition is required before **yesterday, today, tomorrow**. As—

1. Please come **tomorrow**. (not ‘**on tomorrow**’)
2. He is returning **today**. (not ‘**on today**’)
3. He came **yesterday** also. (not ‘**on yesterday**’)
- (5) No Preposition is used before **Home**.

As—

1. I am going **home**. (not ‘**to home**’)
2. I go **home** every Sunday. (not ‘**to home**’)

**Note**—But if there is a **Possessive Adjective** before **Home**, or if **Home** is used in the sense of **House**, we use appropriate Preposition before it.

(6) If **two Verbs** are to be used in a sentence, and both the verbs have to take different Prepositions, we must use **appropriate** Preposition for each verb separately. As—

1. I have been **thinking about** and **waiting for** you since the morning.
2. He has been **looking for** and **enquiring after** you for a long time.

### Exercise

**Correct the following sentences—**

1. I met to him yesterday.
2. I reached at the station a little late.
3. I can never forget to you.
4. He ran me.
5. Now I shall never speak him.
6. I met him in last month.
7. It was very cold in this morning.
8. I cannot wait for any longer.
9. He cannot go for a step further.
10. Please return my book on tomorrow.
11. He was absent on yesterday.
12. I go on a walk the morning.
13. I don’t read the night.
14. Now I must go back to home.
15. He is not home.

**Hints**—(1) no ‘**to**’; (2) no ‘**at**’. (3) no ‘**to**’; (4) ‘**to me**’ / ‘**after me**’; (5) ‘**speak to him**’; (6) no ‘**in**’; (7) no ‘**in**’; (8) no ‘**for**’; (9) no ‘**for**’; (10) no ‘**on**’; (11) no ‘**on**’; (12) in the morning; (13) in the night; (14) no ‘**to**’; (15) not at home.

### Wrong Use of Prepositions

There are some **Verbs** which take **no** Preposition after them. They are—

attack, await, accompany, assist, request, investigate, inform, obey, comprise, order, reach, resemble, resist, violate.

It is **wrong** to use any Preposition after the above noted verbs, but this **error** is often committed.

1. America **attacked on** Iraq. (no 'on')
2. I **await for** your instructions. (no 'for')
3. I shall **accompany with** you. (no 'with')
4. I shall **assist to** you. (no 'to')
5. I **request to** you. (no 'to')
6. We shall **investigate into** the case. (no 'into')
7. I shall **inform to** you. (no 'to')
8. I shall **obey to** you. (no 'to')
9. The group **comprises of** ten boys. (no 'of')
10. I **order to** you. (no 'to')
11. I **reached at** the station. (no 'at')
12. He **resembles to** you. (no 'to')
13. He will **resist to** you. (no 'to')
14. He **violated to** the rule. (no 'to')

### Some Typical Prepositions

#### In / Into

**In** is used to show the **position of rest** of a thing within another thing, while **into** shows a thing **in motion**, something moving inside something else.

In = Position of rest

Into = Position of motion

As—

- (a) 1. The table **is in** the room.
2. We shall **sit in** the hall.
3. There **is a tiger in** the cage.
- (b) 1. The ball **fell into** the well.
2. The thief **broke into** my room.
3. The tiger **moves into** the cave.

#### In / Within

'**In**' expresses the time-range up to the **last point / moment** of the given period, while **within** expresses the limit **before the last moment of the given period**. As—

1. He will return **in (at the close of)** a week's time.
2. He will return **within (in less than / before the close of)** a week's time.
3. You must finish the work **in** a month. (by the close of a month)
4. You must finish the work **within** a month. (before the month closes)

#### In / At

'**In**' points to a **large** area of **Time** or **Place**, while '**at**' refers to a **small** area or fixed point of **Time** and **Place**. Therefore, we use '**in**' for countries, states and bigger cities, and '**at**' for villages and towns. Similarly, we use '**in**' for larger range of time, and **at** for a fixed point of time. As—

1. He lives **at** Agra.
2. He lives **in** Uttar Pradesh.
3. He will come **at** six O'clock.
4. He will come **in** the morning.
5. He lives **in** Bombay.
6. He lives **at** Hathras.

#### In / At

There is one more difference between '**at**' and '**in**'. **At** refers to a **stationary** position, while **in** refers to a state of **motion**. As—

1. The train is **in motion**.
2. He stands **at the top** of the hill.
3. The work is **in progress**.
4. He is **at home**.

#### On / upon

'**On**' refers to a state of **rest or stationary** position, while '**upon**' refers to a state of **motion**. As—

1. The book **is on** the table.
2. He **jumped upon** the table.

### Exercise

**Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct preposition from those given in brackets :**

1. The frog jumped.....the well. (**in / into**)
2. There is no boy ..... the class. (**in / into**)
3. There is no ink ..... my pen. (**in / into**)
4. He rode straight.....the arena. (**in / into**)

5. He is sitting.....the drawing room.  
(in / into)
6. He lives ..... London. (in / at)
7. He lives ..... Hathras ..... Aligarh District. (in / at)
8. You have a big house ..... Bombay.  
(in / at)
9. You have a big house ..... Salempur.  
(in / at)
10. He comes ..... 4 O'clock. (in / at)
11. He comes ..... the evening. (in / at)
12. Please close the office carefully ..... 8.30. (at / in)
13. Please close the office carefully ..... the afternoon. (in / at)
14. The work is well ..... progress. (in / at)
15. The plane is already ..... the air. (in / at)
16. He is already ..... the top. (in / at)
17. Please sit ..... the next chair.  
(on / upon)
18. The tiger jumped.....the stag.  
(on / upon)
19. He is sitting ..... the roof. (on / upon)
20. Please put the photo ..... the stand.  
(on / upon)

**Hints**—(1) into; (2) in; (3) in; (4) into; (5) in; (6) in; (7) at Hathras in Aligarh; (8) in; (9) at; (10) at; (11) in; (12) at; (13) in; (14) in; (15) in; (16) at; (17) on; (18) upon; (19) on; (20) on.

### With / By

‘**With**’ is used for **Instrument** (lifeless), while **by** is used for **living Person or Agent**. As—

1. The letter was written **with a ball-pen**.
2. The letter was written **by Ram**.
3. The branch of the tree was cut **with an axe**.
4. The branch of the tree was cut **by the servant**.

### Between / Among

‘**Between**’ is used for **two** persons, things or ideas, while ‘**among**’ is used for **more than two**. As—

1. Divide this property **between** the **two** brothers.
2. Divide this property **among** the **three** brothers.
3. There is a passage **between** the **two** lanes.
4. He passed the night **among** the **aliens**.

### Till / To

**Till** is used for **time**, and **to** for **place**. As—

1. He worked **till 8 O'clock**.
2. He came **to** the **outer gate**.

### Since / From

‘**Since**’ is used before a Noun or a phrase to show a certain **point of time**. It is used in **Perfect tense** only. **From** is also used to show a **point of time** but it is used in **non-perfect tense**. Remember that both **since** and **from** show only a **point of time, not a period of time**. We can say **since Friday**, or **since 1995**, or **since today**, but we **cannot say since four days** or **from a week**. As—

1. I **have been living** in Canada **since 1990**.
2. I studied English **from the age of six**.
3. I shall start working **from Friday**.
4. He **has been working** very hard **since July**.

**Note**—For Period of time we use **for**. As—

1. I have been living in Canada **for five years**.
2. I worked in this office **for six months**.

### Beside / Besides

‘**Beside**’ means by the side of, while ‘**besides**’ means in addition to. As—

1. The Fort stands **beside** the **river Yamuna**.
2. He came and stood **beside me**.
3. He has a scooter **besides a car**.
4. He has written two short stories **besides a novel**.

### Exercise

**Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct preposition from those given in brackets :**

1. The letter was carelessly typed ..... my secretary. (with / by)

2. The pit was dug ..... spades ..... two labourers. (with / by)
3. He sharpened the pencil ..... a blade. (with / by)
4. He turned pale ..... fear. (with / by)
5. He faced the danger ..... courage. (with / by)
6. The profits will be equally divided ..... the two partners. (between / among)
7. The profits will be equally divided ..... all the share holders. (between / among)
8. He had to work ..... twelve and two in the night. (between / among)
9. He found himself helpless ..... the strangers. (between / among)
10. You have to choose ..... these two courses only. (between / among)
11. Please wait for me ..... 10 O'clock. (till / to)
12. He accompanied me.....the station. (till / to)
13. He will remain at home ..... you reach there. (till / to)
14. He came with me ..... the main road. (till / to)
15. He has been living in this house ..... 1990. (since / from)
16. I shall start attending the office ..... Monday. (since / from)
17. He has not seen me ..... July. (since / from)
18. I started painting ..... my childhood. (since / from)
19. There is a small cottage ..... my farm. (beside / besides)
20. I know German ..... English. (beside / besides)

**Hints**—(1) by; (2) **with** spades **by** two labourers. (3) with; (4) with; (5) with; (6) between; (7) among; (8) between; (9) among; (10) between; (11) till; (12) to; (13) till; (14) to; (15) since; (16) from; (17) since; (18) from; (19) beside; (20) besides.

### Among / Amongst

Both these words have almost the same meaning and usage, but **among** is more popularly used. But there is one difference in their usage. **Amongst** must be used in those sentences in which the word coming after it begins with a **Vowel**. As—

He is very popular **amongst** us.

He is very popular **among** the students.

### On / At

Both these can show **time**. But **on** is used for a fixed **day** or **date**, while **at** is used for **hour**. As—

1. I shall come **on** Sunday.
2. I shall come **on** July 15.
3. I shall come **at** 5 p.m.

### For / During

Both these show **period of time**, but the difference between them is that **for** is used for an **indefinite period**, while **during** is used for a **definite period**. As—

1. He has gone **for** a long time.
2. He is on leave **for** a month.  
(There is no reference to a definite month)
3. He will be here **during** Christmas holidays.
4. He will stay with me **during** June.

### Of / Off

'**Of**' is a Preposition of **joining**, while **off** is a Preposition of **separation**. As—

1. A member **of** the family, page **of** a book, student **of** a college, one **of** many, etc.
2. He is **off** duty today. (Not on duty)
3. He jumped **off** the roof.

### Preposition + Gerund

There are certain **Verbs** and **Adjectives** after which **Infinitives** are never used. In place of Infinitives we use **Preposition + Gerund** (verb + ing) after these words. We give below a list of such **Verbs** and **Adjectives** along with the **Prepositions** which are used with them—



Abstain from, aim at, assist in, based on, confident of, debar from, desirous of, desist from, despair of, disqualified from, dissuade from, excel in, excuse for, fortunate in, hinder from, hopeful of, insist on, intend on, meditate on, negligent in, passion for, perceive in, persist in, prevent from, (to take) pride in, prohibit from, proud of, refrain from, repent of, succeed in, successful in, think of.

See these sentences. They are all **correct**—

1. He is **confident of winning** the prize.  
(‘confident to win the prize’ would be wrong.)
2. He **insists on going** there.  
(‘insists to go’ is wrong.)
3. I cannot **think of displeasing** him.  
(‘think to displease’ is wrong.)
4. **He is fortunate in having** a friend like you.  
(‘fortunate to have’ is wrong.)

**Note**—Nowadays **Infinitives** have also come to be used after **aim**.

1. I **aim to win** the first prize.
2. He **aims to rise** to the top.

### Exercise

(a) **Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct preposition from those given in the brackets :**

1. He has the widest knowledge ..... us all.  
(among / amongst)
2. He comes from ..... us.  
(among / amongst)
3. He is the most brilliant boy ..... them.  
(among / amongst)
4. The college opens ..... 10 O'clock.  
(at / on)
5. He will not be here ..... Sunday.  
(at / on)
6. Can you come.....Sunday morning ..... 8.30 ?  
(on / at)
7. He offers prayers ..... dawn. (at / on)
8. He will be away ..... about a month.  
(for / during)

9. I will come again ..... Diwali holidays.  
(for / during)
10. He fell ill ..... examination days.  
(for / during)
11. He has left India ..... ever.  
(for / during)
12. I shall not leave you alone ..... your illness.  
(for / during)
13. He is a teacher ..... our school. (of / off)
14. He comes ..... a good family. (of / off)
15. Your arguments are ..... the point.  
(of / off)
16. He jumped ..... the running train.  
(of / off)

**Hints**—(1) amongst; (2) amongst; (3) among; (4) at; (5) on; (6) on Sunday morning at 8.30; (7) at; (8) for; (9) during; (10) during; (11) for; (12) during; (13) of; (14) of; (15) off; (16) off.

(b) **Correct the following sentences :**

1. Can you assist me with completing my home work ?
2. He is hopeful to win the prize.
3. He succeeded to reach to the top position.
4. He persists to say so.
5. I cannot prevent you to go there.
6. He excels to paint.
7. You have no excuse to stay at home.
8. I did my best to dissuade him to drink.
9. He is disqualified to appear at the examination.
10. He is debarred to apply for the post.
11. You prohibited him to enter here.
12. He is fortunate to get out unhurt.
13. You must refrain to drink so much.
14. I cannot think to live in these dirty surroundings.
15. He is confident to pass in the first attempt.

**Hints**—(1) in completing; (2) of winning; (3) in reaching; (4) in saying; (5) from going; (6) in painting; (7) for staying; (8) from drinking; (9) from appearing; (10) from applying; (11) from entering; (12) in getting out; (13) from drinking; (14) of living; (15) of passing.

## The Same Words With Different Prepositions

There are certain words with which **different Prepositions** can be used, but their meaning changes with the change of Prepositions. Different Prepositions have come into **usage** with them. As—

I had the **advantage of** you.  
 You gained an **advantage over** me.  
 I **waited upon** him at his office.  
 I **waited for** him yesterday.  
 He **prevailed upon** me to agree.  
 He **prevailed over** me in the dispute.  
 No argument **prevailed with** him.  
 You **agree with** me.  
 You **agree to** my proposal.  
 I **commence by** observing.  
 I **commence with** the observation.  
 You **attended upon** his leisure.  
 You **attended to** his command.  
 He was **invested with** the crown.  
 All his money was **invested in** business.  
 He is **afflicted with** fever.  
 He was **afflicted at** your failure.  
 I **blush for** her.  
 I **blush at** her misconduct.  
 What is the **cause / reason / occasion / ground** of this delay ?  
 Is there any **cause / reason / occasion / ground for** this delay ?  
 This is the **subject of** inquiry.  
 This is a **subject for** inquiry.  
 He is **disqualified from** competing.  
 He is **disqualified for** the post.  
 He is **liable for** damages.  
 He is **liable to** a fine.  
 I **concur with** you.  
 I **concur in** your decision.  
 The statesman **deals with** politics.  
 The shopkeeper **deals in** stationery.  
 He **lent** money **at** high interest.  
 He **lent** money **on** safe security.

We are **responsible to** God.  
 We are **responsible for** our actions.  
 I **charge** my failure **to / upon** you.  
 I **charge** you **with** my failure.  
 His face is **familiar to** me.  
 I am **familiar with** his face.  
 Let us now **proceed to** business.  
 Let us now **proceed with** the business.  
 He is the **slave / victim of** his passions.  
 He is a **slave / victim to** his passions.  
 He is **possessed of** property.  
 He is **possessed with** an idea.  
 I **differ with** you on this issue.  
 I **differ from** you in temperament.  
**Compare** a town **with** a city. (similar things)  
**Compare** anger **to** madness. (dissimilar things)  
 Many Hindus were **converted to** Buddhism.  
 His sorrow was **converted into** joy.  
 I am **tired of** sitting idle.  
 I am **tired with** double duty.  
 What is the **use of** discussing ?  
 There is no **use in** discussing.  
 I have no **use for** this.  
 He **made** war **upon** luxury.  
 He **made** war **with** superstitions.  
 This behaviour was not **expected from** you.  
 It is not **expected of** us to solve this problem.  
 He has done his **duty by** his parents.  
 He has done his **duty in** this matter.  
 You will **think of** me when I am not here.  
**Think over / on** my proposal carefully.  
 He is **destined for** business.  
 He is **destined to** misery.  
 I am **disappointed in** you.  
 He was **disappointed of** success.  
 He demanded **vengeance upon** you.  
 He demanded **vengeance for** your deed.  
 God will **provide for** our needs.  
 We must **provide against** the rainy day.  
**Communicate with** him on this issue.  
**Communicate this** to him.



I am not **concerned in** the business.  
 I am much **concerned at** your losses.  
 I **except you from** this responsibility.  
 I **take exception to** your language.  
 He **parted from** his family.  
 He **parted with** his property.  
 I am **reconciled with** my brother.  
 I am **reconciled to** my fate.  
 This discovery was **credited to** Newton.  
 Newton was **credited with** this discovery.

### Different Forms of Words followed by Different Prepositions

I **sympathise with** you.  
 I feel much **sympathy for** you.  
 I **solicited him for** his help.  
 I am **solicitous of** his help.  
 He is **descended from** King Arthur.  
 He is a **descendant of** King Arthur.  
 I am **regardful of** his interests.  
 I have **regard for** his interest.  
 He is **fond of** colourful dresses.  
 He has **fondness for** colourful dresses.  
**Pursuant to** my wishes.  
**In pursuance of** my wishes.  
**According to** your directions.  
**In accordance with** your directions.  
 I am **satisfied with** your progress.  
 I feel great **satisfaction in / at** your success.  
 He is on leave **preparatory to** retirement.  
 He has made all **preparations for** retirement.  
 He is **proud of** his position.  
 He takes **pride in** his position.  
 I am **hopeful of** success.  
 I **hope for** success.  
 I am **delighted with** him.  
 I take **delight in** him.  
 I am **ashamed of** him.  
 I feel **shame at** his conduct.  
 I am going **in search of** him.  
 I am going **to search for** him.  
 I have a **dislike to** him.

I have a **liking for** him.  
 I am **sensible of** pain.  
 I am **insensible to** pain.  
 He is **equal to** me.  
 He is **co-equal with** me.  
 He is **qualified to** compete.  
 He is **disqualified from** competing.  
 He **encouraged me to** go forward.  
 He **discouraged me from** going forward.  
 I have **trust in** you.  
 I have **distrust of** you.  
 This is **contrary to** that.  
 This is **contrasted with** that.  
 This is **subsequent to** his application.  
 This is **consequent upon** his application.  
 She is **different from** you.  
 She is **indifferent to** you.  
 He is **neglectful of** his studies.  
 He is **negligent in** his studies.

### Revision Exercise I

Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

1. The river flows ..... the bridge.
2. The work was done ..... haste.
3. I am fond ..... reading novels.
4. He died ..... his country.
5. The house was destroyed ..... fire.
6. What is that ..... me ?
7. He has not met me ..... Sunday last.
8. I have known him ..... a long time.
9. This is a matter ..... little interest to me.
10. I am tired ..... sitting idle.
11. I shall do it ..... pleasure.
12. I sold it ..... ten rupees.
13. It is five O'clock ..... my watch.
14. Do not cry ..... spilt milk.
15. The public are cautioned ..... pick-pockets.
16. The tiger was killed ..... the hunter ..... the sword.
17. He does not go to office.....10 O'clock.

18. He travelled ten miles ..... two hours.
19. He started ..... seven ..... the morning.
20. He was born ..... a small village ..... Rajasthan.

**Hints**—(1) under; (2) in; (3) of; (4) for; (5) by; (6) to; (7) since; (8) for; (9) of; (10) of; (11) with; (12) for; (13) by; (14) over; (15) against; (16) by the hunter with the sword; (17) before; (18) in; (19) at seven in the morning; (20) at a small village in Rajasthan.

### **Revision Exercise II**

**Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate prepositions :**

1. He quarrelled ..... me ..... nothing.
2. He readily complied ..... my request.
3. He supplies the poor ..... food.
4. He is always true ..... me.
5. He is involved ..... many difficulties.
6. I prefer milk ..... tea.
7. I find no exception ..... this rule.
8. One has to rely ..... one's own efforts.
9. I inquired ..... the servant whether the office was closed.
10. He insisted ..... complaining against you.
11. You have to conform ..... the rules of the hostel.
12. Smoking is injurious ..... health.
13. He is innocent ..... of the crime.
14. Do not indulge ..... strong drinks.
15. I am very grateful ..... you.
16. He is dependent ..... his uncle.
17. He is deficient ..... calculations.
18. He is indifferent even ..... his children.
19. He is very proficient ..... grammar.
20. Are you not ashamed ..... your conduct?
21. He is completely devoid ..... the sense of mercy.
22. He has a passion ..... natural beauty.
23. I can never prove false ..... you.
24. He comes ..... a rich family.
25. Your views don't accord ..... mine.

**Hints**—(1) with me for nothing; (2) with; (3) with; (4) to; (5) in; (6) to; (7) to; (8) on; (9) of; (10) on; (11) to ; (12) to; (13) of; (14) in; (15) to; (16) on; (17) in; (18) to; (19) in; (20) of; (21) of; (22) for; (23) to; (24) of; (25) with.

### **Revision Exercise III**

**Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate prepositions :**

1. Our path is beset ..... difficulties.
2. Morning walk is beneficial ..... health.
3. He is not eligible ..... the post.
4. Foreigners are debarred ..... appearing at this test.
5. This rule is not applicable ..... the present case.
6. Parents should not connive ..... their children's follies.
7. Public men should not be sensitive ..... criticism.
8. He is addicted ..... drinking.
9. Why are you so angry ..... me ?
10. His plans are adverse ..... my career.
11. They scoffed ..... my suggestion.
12. He has been reverted ..... his former post.
13. I shall restore the property ..... its rightful owner.
14. He will impart the secret of his trade only ..... his son.
15. He could not prevail ..... me to revise my plans.
16. Do not confide your secrets ..... anyone.
17. He is absolutely ignorant ..... the whole affair.
18. He is weak ..... Chemistry.
19. He was rewarded for rescuing a child ..... danger.
20. Reward is the most important incentive ..... hard labour.
21. Industry and sincerity are indispensable ..... success.
22. He is too miserly to part ..... his money.
23. I am sick ..... the whole development.
24. The battle resulted ..... the victory for India.
25. One should be sure ..... what one plans to do.

**Hints**—(1) with; (2) to; (3) for; (4) from; (5) to; (6) at; (7) to; (8) to; (9) with; (10) to; (11) at; (12) to; (13) to; (14) to; (15) upon; (16) to; (17) of; (18) in; (19) from; (20) to; (21) to; (22) with; (23) of; (24) in; (25) of.

### Revision Exercise IV

**Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate prepositions :**

1. I shall act ..... your advice.
2. My grandmother is equally affectionate ..... all.
3. He has great ambition ..... fame.
4. He is highly ambitious ..... fame.
5. He is not capable ..... doing this work.
6. I have no confidence ..... you.
7. He is fully confident ..... his success.
8. He rose equal ..... the occasion.
9. I take exception ..... your language.
10. Every child is fond ..... sweets.
11. He has no liking ..... any sport.
12. Don't be neglectful ..... your dress.
13. I always find him negligent ..... his studies.
14. I am prepared ..... the worst.
15. Have trust ..... God and do your best.
16. He is wanting ..... common sense
17. I shall call ..... you tomorrow.
18. I called ..... your office yesterday.
19. I always count ..... your advice.
20. He deals ..... stationery.
21. His appeal for help met ..... little success.
22. He is averse ..... my advice.
23. He has a knack ..... good painting.
24. I refrained him ..... acting in haste.
25. He is intent ..... going to hill station.

**Hints**—(1) according to; (2) to; (3) for; (4) of; (5) of; (6) in; (7) of; (8) to; (9) to; (10) of; (11) for; (12) of; (13) in; (14) for; (15) in; (16) in; (17) on; (18) at; (19) upon; (20) in; (21) with; (22) to; (23) of; (24) from; (25) on.

### Words Followed By Appropriate Prepositions

We give below a list of some **Nouns, Adjectives, Participles** and **Verbs** which are followed by some appropriate **Prepositions**. The use of wrong prepositions after certain words is a very common error with English writers and speakers. The student is advised to commit the given list to memory and to consult it in case of any doubt or difficulty. The list is adapted from J.C. Nesfield's "**English Grammar**" (Macmillan).

#### (a) Nouns Followed By Prepositions

Abhorrence *of* ingratitude.  
 Ability *for* or *in* some work.  
 Abstinence *from* wine.  
 Abundance *of* food.  
 Access *to* a person or place.  
 Accession *to* the throne.  
 (In) accordance *with* rule.  
 Accusation *of* theft.  
 Acquaintance *with* a person or a thing. But make the acquaintance *of* a person.  
 Adherence *to* a plan or cause.  
 Admission *to* a society of persons or class or things.  
 Admission *into* or *to* a place.  
 Advance (progress) *of* learning.  
 Advance (of a person) *in* knowledge.  
 (To take) advantage *of* some one's mistake.  
 (To gain) an advantage *over* someone.  
 (To have) the advantage *of* anyone.  
 Affection *for* a person.  
 Allegiance *to* a person.  
 Alliance *with* a person or state.  
 Allusion *to* something.  
 Ambition *for* distinction.  
 Amends *for* some fault.  
 Antidote *to* some poison.  
 Antidote *against* infection.  
 Anxiety *for* anyone's safety.  
 Apology *for* some fault.  
 Appetite *for* food.  
 Application *to* books.  
 Application *for* employment.  
 Apprehension *of* danger.

Approach *to* (step towards) anything.  
 Aptitude *for* mathematics.  
 Arrival *at* a place.  
 Arrival *in* a country or large town.  
 Arrival *in* London, Paris, etc.  
 Aspiration *after* or *for* fame.  
 Assent *to* an opinion.  
 Assurance *of* help.  
 Atonement *for* sin.  
 Attachment *to* a person or thing.  
 Attack *on* a person or place.  
 Attendance *on* a person.  
 Attendance *at* a place.  
 Attention *to* study.  
 Attraction *to* or *towards* a thing.  
 Authority *over* a person.  
 Authority *on* a subject.  
 Authority *for* saying or doing.  
 Aversion *to* or *from* a person or thing.  
 Bar *to* success.  
 Bargain *with* a person.  
 Bargain *for* a thing.  
 Battle *with* anyone.  
 Beneficence *to* the poor.  
 Benevolence *towards* the poor.  
 Bias *towards* a thing.  
 Blindness *to* one's own faults.  
 Candidate *for* election.  
 Capacity *for* mathematics.  
 Care *for* his safety.  
 Care *of* his books.  
 Cause *for* anxiety.  
 Cause *of* trouble.  
 Caution *against* error.  
 Certainty *about* a matter.  
 Certificate *of* good conduct.  
 Cessation *from* work.  
 Charge *of* murder (*Noun*)  
 Charge *with* murder. (*Verb*)  
 Claim *on* or *against* someone.  
 Cloak *for* vice.  
 Comment *on* something said.  
 Commerce *with* a country.  
 Compact *with* a person.

Comparison *to* or *with* a person or thing.  
 Compassion *for* a person.  
 Compensation *for* a loss.  
 Competition *with* a person.  
 Competition *for* a thing.  
 Complaint *against* a person.  
 Complaint *about* a thing.  
 Compliance *with* a request.  
 Complicity *in* a crime.  
 Concession *to* a demand.  
 Concurrence *with* a person.  
 Concurrence *in* a proposal.  
 Condemnation *to* death.  
 Condolence *with* a person.  
 Confidence *in* a person.  
 Conformity *with* anyone's views.  
 Conformity *to* rule.  
 Connection *with* a person or thing.  
 Consciousness *of* guilt.  
 Consideration *for* a person.  
 Consideration *of* a thing.  
 Contact *with* something.  
 (A) contemporary *of* some person.  
 Contempt *for* a person or thing.  
 (A) contrast *to* a person or thing.  
 (In) contrast *with* a person or thing.  
 Contribution *to* a fund.  
 Contribution *towards* some project.  
 Control *over* a person or thing.  
 Controversy *with* a person.  
 Controversy *on* or *about* something.  
 Conversation *with* a person.  
 Conviction *of* guilt.  
 Co-partner *with* a person.  
 Co-partner *in* something.  
 Copy *from* nature.  
 Correspondence *with* a person.  
 Correspondence *to* a thing.  
 Craving *for* anything.  
 Decision *on* some case.  
 Delight *in* a person or thing.  
 Deliverance *from* a danger.  
 Dependence *on* a person or thing.  
 Descent *from* ancestors.

Desire *for* wealth.  
 Deviation *from* rule.  
 Digression *from* a subject.  
 Disagreement *with* a person.  
 Discouragement *of* a person.  
 (A) discouragement *to* a person.  
 Disgrace *to* a person.  
 Disgust *at* meanness.  
 Dislike *of* or *for* a person or thing.  
 Dissent *from* a proposal.  
 Distaste *for* mathematics.  
 Distrust *of* a person or thing.  
 Dominion *over* sea and land.  
 Doubt *of* or *about* a thing.  
 Drawback *to* success.  
 Duty *to* a person.  
 Eagerness *for* distinction.  
 Economy *of* time.  
 Eminence *in* painting.  
 Encroachment *on* one's rights.  
 Endeavour *after* happiness.  
 Endurance *of* pain.  
 Engagement *in* a business.  
 Engagement *with* a person.  
 Engagement (to marry) *to*.  
 Enmity *for* or *with* a person.  
 Entrance *into* a place.  
 Envy *at* (or *of*) another's success.  
 Equality *with* a person.  
 Escape *from* punishment.  
 Esteem *for* a person.  
 Estrangement *from* a person.  
 Evasion *of* a rule.  
 Exception *to* a rule.  
 (Make) an exception *of* some person or thing.  
 Excuse *for* a fault.  
 Exemption *from* a penalty.  
 Experience *of* a thing.  
 Experience *in* doing something.  
 Exposure *to* danger.  
 Failure *of* a plan.  
 Failure *of* a person *in* something.  
 Faith *in* a person or thing.  
 Familiarity *with* a person or thing.

Fine *for* an offence.  
 Fitness *for* some position.  
 Fondness *for* anything.  
 Freedom *from* care.  
 Freedom *of* action.  
 (Has) a genius *for* mathematics.  
 (Is) a genius *in* mathematics.  
 Glance *at* a person or thing.  
 Glance *over* a wide surface.  
 Gratitude *for* a thing.  
 Gratitude *to* a person.  
 Greediness *for* a thing.  
 Grief *at* an event.  
 Grief *for* a person.  
 Guarantee *for* or *of* a man's honesty.  
 Guess *at* the truth.  
 Harmony *with* anything.  
 Hatred *of* or *for* a person.  
 Hatred *of* a thing.  
 Heir *to* some property.  
 Heir *of* some person.  
 Hindrance *to* anything.  
 Hint *at* some reward.  
 Hope *of* better luck. (*Noun*)  
 Hope *for* better luck. (*Verb*)  
 Hostility *to* a person or cause.  
 Identity *with* a person or thing.  
 Immersion *in* water.  
 Impediment *to* progress.  
 Imputation *of* guilt.  
 Imputation *against* someone.  
 Incentive *to* industry.  
 Inclination *for* or *to* study  
 Independence *of* help.  
 Indifference *to* heat or cold.  
 Indulgence *in* wine.  
 Indulgence *to* a person.  
 Inference *from* facts.  
 Infliction *of* punishment.  
 Influence *over* or *with* a person.  
 Influence *on* anyone's actions.  
 Inkling *of* a secret.  
 Inquiry *into* circumstances.  
 Insight *into* a man's character.

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| Instruction <i>in</i> music.                           | Nomination <i>of</i> a person.                       |
| Intercourse <i>with</i> a person.                      | Nomination <i>to</i> a post.                         |
| Interest <i>in</i> a subject.                          | Obedience <i>to</i> orders, parents, etc.            |
| Interest (influence) <i>with</i> a person.             | Objection <i>to</i> a proposal.                      |
| Interference <i>in</i> or <i>with</i> a man's affairs. | Obligation <i>to</i> a person.                       |
| Interview <i>with</i> a person.                        | Obstruction <i>to</i> traffic.                       |
| Intimacy <i>with</i> a person.                         | Offence <i>against</i> morality.                     |
| Intrusion <i>into</i> a man's house.                   | (Take) offence <i>at</i> something done.             |
| Invitation <i>to</i> a dinner.                         | Operation <i>on</i> a person or thing.               |
| Irruption <i>into</i> a country.                       | Opportunity <i>for</i> action.                       |
| Irruption <i>by</i> invaders.                          | Opposition <i>to</i> a person.                       |
| Jest <i>at</i> a man's bad luck.                       | Order <i>for</i> or <i>against</i> doing a thing.    |
| Joy <i>in</i> his good luck.                           | Outlook <i>from</i> a window.                        |
| Judge <i>of</i> a matter.                              | Outlook <i>on</i> the sea.                           |
| Jurisdiction <i>over</i> a province.                   | Partiality <i>for</i> flatterers.                    |
| Jurisdiction <i>in</i> a lawsuit.                      | Partnership <i>in</i> a thing.                       |
| Justification <i>of</i> or <i>for</i> crime.           | Partnership <i>with</i> a person.                    |
| Key <i>to</i> a mystery.                               | Passion <i>for</i> gambling.                         |
| Laxity <i>in</i> morals.                               | (At) peace <i>with</i> all men.                      |
| Lecture <i>on</i> a subject.                           | Penance <i>for</i> some fault.                       |
| Leisure <i>for</i> amusement.                          | Penetration <i>into</i> motives.                     |
| Leniency <i>to</i> prisoners.                          | Penitence <i>for</i> some fault.                     |
| Liability <i>to</i> an illness.                        | Perseverance <i>in</i> well-doing.                   |
| Libel <i>on</i> a person.                              | Persistence <i>in</i> an attempt.                    |
| Libel <i>against</i> his character.                    | Piety <i>towards</i> God.                            |
| Likeness <i>to</i> a person or thing.                  | Pity <i>for</i> sufferers.                           |
| Liking <i>for</i> a person or thing.                   | Popularity <i>with</i> neighbours.                   |
| Limit <i>to</i> a man's zeal.                          | Postscript <i>to</i> a letter.                       |
| Longing <i>for</i> or <i>after</i> a thing.            | Power <i>over</i> a person.                          |
| Look <i>at</i> a thing.                                | Precaution <i>against</i> infection.                 |
| Lust <i>for</i> money.                                 | Preface <i>to</i> a book.                            |
| Malice <i>against</i> a person.                        | Preference <i>for</i> one thing.                     |
| Margin <i>for</i> losses.                              | Preference <i>to</i> or <i>over</i> another thing.   |
| Martyr <i>for</i> a certain cause.                     | Prejudice <i>against</i> a person.                   |
| Match <i>for</i> a person.                             | Preparation <i>for</i> action.                       |
| Menace <i>to</i> public health.                        | Pretension <i>to</i> learning.                       |
| Motive <i>for</i> action.                              | Pretext <i>for</i> interference.                     |
| Necessity <i>for</i> anything.                         | Pride <i>in</i> his wealth. ( <i>Noun</i> )          |
| Necessity <i>of</i> the case.                          | Prides himself <i>on</i> his wealth. ( <i>Verb</i> ) |
| Need <i>for</i> assistance.                            | Proficiency <i>in</i> mathematics.                   |
| (In) need <i>of</i> assistance.                        | Profit <i>to</i> the seller.                         |
| Neglect <i>of</i> duty.                                | Progress <i>in</i> study.                            |
| Neglect <i>in</i> doing a thing.                       | Proof <i>of</i> guilt. ( <i>Noun</i> )               |
| Nerve <i>for</i> riding.                               | Proof <i>against</i> temptation. ( <i>Adj.</i> )     |



Proportion *of* three to one.  
 Protest *against* proceedings, decision, etc.  
 (In) Pursuance *of* an object.  
 Qualification *for* office.  
 Quarrel *with* another person.  
 Quarrel *between* two persons.  
 Question *on* a point.  
 Ratio *of* one to five.  
 Readiness *at* figures.  
 Readiness *in* answering.  
 Readiness *for* a journey.  
 Reason *for* a thing.  
 Reason *against* a thing.  
 Recompense *for* labour.  
 Reference *to* a person or thing.  
 Reflections *on* a man's honesty.  
 Regard *for* a man's feelings.  
 (In or With) regard *to* that matter.  
 Regret *for* something done.  
 Relapse *into* idleness.  
 Relation *of* one thing *to* another.  
 Relation *between* two things.  
 Relations *with* a person.  
 Reliance *on* a man's word.  
 Relish *for* food.  
 Remedy *for* or *against* snakebite.  
 Remonstrance *with* a person.  
 Remonstrance *against* his conduct.  
 Remorse *for* a crime.  
 Repentance *for* sin.  
 Reply *to* a letter.  
 Reputation *for* honesty.  
 Request *for* a thing.  
 Resemblance *to* a person or thing.  
 Resignation *to* fate.  
 Resistance *to* injustice.  
 Resolution *into* elements.  
 Resolution *on* a matter.  
 Respect *for* a man or his office.  
 (In) respect *of* some quality.  
 (With) respect *(to)* a matter.  
 Responsibility *to* the law.  
 Responsibility *for* action.  
 Result *of* a proceeding.

Reverence *for* age.  
 Revolt *against* authority.  
 Rival *in* anything.  
 Rival *for* a position.  
 Rivalry *with* a person.  
 Satire *on* or *upon* a person, book, etc.  
 Satisfaction *for* some fault.  
 Search *for* or *after* wealth.  
 (In) search *of* wealth.  
 Shame *at* or *for* his fault.  
 Share *of* a thing.  
 Share *with* a person.  
 Sin *against* God.  
 (A) slave *to* avarice.  
 (The) slave *of* avarice.  
 Slur *on* his character.  
 Sneer *at* good men.  
 Sorrow *for* his misfortunes.  
 Specific *for* or *against* fever.  
 Speculation *in* bank shares.  
 Stain *on* one's character.  
 Subjection *to* the laws.  
 Submission *to* authority.  
 Subscription *to* a fund.  
 Subsistence *on* rice.  
 Succession *to* an estate.  
 Supplement *to* a book.  
 Surety *for* a person.  
 Suspicion *of* his intentions.  
 Sympathy *with* or *for* the poor.  
 Sympathy *with* a cause or *with* a person's views.  
 Taste (experience) *of* hard work.  
 Taste (liking) *for* hard work.  
 Temperance *in* diet.  
 Temptation *to* evil.  
 Testimony *to* his character.  
 Testimony *against* his character.  
 Traitor *to* his country.  
 Trespass *against* the law.  
 Trust *in* his honesty.  
 (In) unison *with* his character.  
 (We have no) use *for* that.  
 (What is the) use *of* that ?  
 (There is no) use *in* that.

(At) variance *with* a person.  
 (A) victim *to* oppression.  
 (The) victim *of* oppression.  
 Victory *over* his passions.  
 Want *of* money.  
 Warrant *for* his arrest.  
 Witness *of* or *to* an event.  
 Wonder *at* his rudeness.  
 yearning *for* his home.  
 Zeal *for* a cause.  
 Zest *for* enjoyment.

### (b) Adjectives and Participles followed by Prepositions

Abandoned *to* his fate.  
 Abounding *in* or *with* fish.  
 Absorbed *in* study.  
 Acceptable *to* a person.  
 Accomplished *in* an art.  
 Accountable *to* a person.  
 Accountable *for* a thing.  
 Accurate *in* his statistics.  
 Accused *of* a crime.  
 Accustomed *to* riding.  
 Acquainted *with* a person or thing.  
 Acquitted *of* a charge.  
 Adapted *to* his tastes.  
 Adapted *for* an occupation.  
 Addicted *to* bad habits.  
 Adequate *to* his wants.  
 Affectionate *to* a person.  
 Afflicted *with* rheumatism.  
 Afraid *of* death.  
 Agreeable *to* his wishes.  
 Alarmed *at* a rumour.  
 Alien *to* his character.  
 Alienated *from* a friend.  
 Alive *to* the consequences.  
 Allied *to* a thing.  
 Allied *with* a person or country.  
 Amazed *at* anything.  
 Ambitious *of* distinction.  
 Angry *at* a thing.  
 Angry *with* a person.  
 Annoyed *at* a thing.  
 Annoyed *with* a person *for* saying or doing something.  
 Answerable *to* a person.  
 Answerable *for* his conduct.  
 Anxious *for* his safety.  
 Anxious *about* the result.  
 Applicable *to* a case.  
 Appropriate *to* an occasion.  
 Ashamed *of* his dullness.  
 Associated *with* a person.  
 Associated *in* some business  
 Assured *of* the truth.  
 Astonished *at* his rudeness.  
 Averse *to* hard work.  
 Aware *of* his intentions.  
 Backward *in* mathematics.  
 Based *on* sound principles.  
 Bent *on* doing something.  
 Beset *with* difficulties.  
 Betrayed *to* the enemy.  
 Betrayed *into* the enemy's hands.  
 Blessed *with* good health.  
 Blessed *in* his children.  
 Blind *to* his own faults.  
 Blind *in* one eye.  
 Boastful *of* his wealth.  
 Born *of* rich parents.  
 Born *in* England.  
 Bought *of* a person.  
 Bound *in* honour.  
 Bound *by* a contract.  
 (Ship) bound *for* England.  
 Busy *with* or *at* his lessons.  
 Capable *of* improvement.  
 Careful *of* his money.  
 Careful *about* his dress.  
 Cautious *of* giving advice.  
 Certain *of* success.  
 Characterised *by* a thing.  
 Characteristic *of* a person.  
 Charged *to* his account.  
 Charged (loaded) *with* a bullet.  
 Charged *with* (accused of) a crime.  
 Clear *of* blame.  
 Close *to* a person or thing.

Clothed *in* purple.  
 Committed *to* a course of action.  
 Common *to* several persons or things.  
 Comparable *to* something else.  
 Competent *for* certain work.  
 Composed *of* a material.  
 Concerned *at* or *about* some mishap.  
 Concerned *for* a person's welfare.  
 Concerned *in* some business.  
 Condemned *to* death.  
 Conducive *to* success.  
 Confident *of* success.  
 Congenial *to* one's tastes.  
 Congratulated *on* his success.  
 Conscious *of* a fault.  
 Consistent *with* the facts.  
 Conspicuous *for* honesty.  
 Contemporary *with* a person or event.  
 Contented *with* a little.  
 Contrary *to* rule.  
 Contrasted *with* something else.  
 Conversant *with* persons or things.  
 Convicted *of* a crime.  
 Convinced *of* a fact.  
 Correct *in* a statement.  
 Coupled *with* something else.  
 Covetous *of* other men's goods.  
 Creditable *to* his judgment.  
 Cured *of* a disease.  
 Customary *for* a person.  
 Deaf *to* entreaties.  
 Defeated *in* battle.  
 Defective *in* point of style.  
 Deficient *in* energy.  
 Delighted *with* success.  
 Dependent *on* a person or thing.  
 Deprived *of* some good thing.  
 Deserving *of* praise.  
 Designed *for* a purpose.  
 Desirous *of* success.  
 Despairing *of* success.  
 Destined *for* the bad.  
 Destitute *of* money.  
 Determined *on* doing a thing.

Detrimental *to* health.  
 Devoid *of* foundation.  
 Different *from* something else.  
 Diffident *of* success.  
 Diligent *in* business.  
 Disappointed *of* a thing not obtained.  
 Disappointed *in* a thing obtained.  
 Disappointed *with* a person or thing.  
 Disgusted *with* a thing.  
 Disgusted *at* or *with* a person.  
 Dismayed *at* a result.  
 Displeased *with* a person.  
 Disqualified *for* a post.  
 Disqualified *from* competing.  
 Distinct *from* something else.  
 Distracted *with* pain.  
 Distrustful *of* a man's motives.  
 Divested *of* office.  
 Doubtful or dubious *of* success.  
 Due *to* some cause.  
 Dull *of* understanding.  
 Eager *for* distinction.  
 Eager *in* the pursuit of knowledge.  
 Earnest *in* his endeavours.  
 Easy *of* access.  
 Educated *in* the law.  
 Educated *for* the bar.  
 Effective *for* a purpose.  
 Eligible *for* employment.  
 Eminent *for* his learning.  
 Employed *in* gardening.  
 Empty *of* its contents.  
 Endeared *to* all men.  
 Endowed *with* natural ability.  
 Engaged *to* some person.  
 Engaged *in* some business.  
 Engraved *on* the memory.  
 Enraged *at* something done.  
 Entangled *in* a plot.  
 Entitled *to* a hearing.  
 Enveloped *in* mist.  
 Envious *of* another's success.  
 Equal *to* the occasion.  
 Essential *to* happiness.

Exclusive *of* certain items.  
 Exempted or exempt *from* a fine.  
 Exhausted *with* labour.  
 Exonerated *from* blame.  
 Exposed *to* danger.  
 Expressive *of* his feelings.  
 Faithful *to* a master.  
 False *of* heart.  
 False *to* his friends.  
 Familiar *with* a language.  
 Familiar (well known) *to* a person.  
 Famous *for* his learning.  
 Fascinated *with* or *by* a person or thing.  
 Fatal *to* his prospects.  
 Fatigued *with* travelling.  
 Favourable *to* his prospects.  
 Favourable *for* action.  
 Fearful *of* consequences.  
 Fertile *in* resources.  
 Fit *for* a position.  
 Flushed *with* victory.  
 Foiled *in* an attempt.  
 Fond *of* music.  
 Foreign *to* the purpose.  
 Founded *on* fact.  
 Fraught *with* danger.  
 Free *from* blame.  
 Fruitless *of* results.  
 Full *of* persons or things.  
 Gifted *with* abilities.  
 Glad *of* his assistance.  
 Glad *at* a result.  
 Good *for* nothing.  
 Good *at* cricket.  
 Grateful *for* past kindness.  
 Greedy *of* or *after* or *for* riches.  
 Guilty *of* theft.  
 Healed *of* a disease.  
 Heedless *of* consequences.  
 Held *in* high esteem.  
 Honest *in* his dealings.  
 Honoured *with* your friendship.  
 Hopeful *of* success.  
 Horrified *at* the sight.

Hostile *to* my endeavours.  
 Hungry *after* or *for* wealth.  
 Hurtful *to* health.  
 Identical *with* anything.  
 Ignorant *of* English.  
 Ill *with* fever.  
 Imbued *with* confidence.  
 Immaterial *to* the point.  
 Immersed *in* water.  
 Impatient *of* reproof.  
 Impatient *at* an event.  
 Impatient *for* results.  
 Imperative *on* a person.  
 Impertinent *to* his master.  
 Implicated *in* a crime.  
 Inclined *to* laziness.  
 Inclusive *of* extras.  
 Incumbent *on* a person.  
 Indebted *to* a person.  
 Indebted *for* some kindness.  
 Indebted *in* a large sum.  
 Independent *of* his parents.  
 Indifferent *to* heat or cold.  
 Indignant *at* something done.  
 Indignant *with* a person.  
 Indispensable *to* success.  
 Indulgent *to* his children.  
 Infatuated *with* a person.  
 Infected *with* smallpox.  
 Infested *with* rats.  
 Inflicted *on* a person.  
 Informed *of* a fact.  
 Inherent *in* his disposition.  
 Inimical *to* a person.  
 Innocent *of* a charge.  
 Insensible *to* shame.  
 Inspired *with* hope.  
 Intent *on* his studies.  
 Interested *in* a person or thing.  
 Intimate *with* a person.  
 Introduced *to* a person.  
 Introduced *into* a place.  
 Invested *with* full powers.  
 Invested *in* stocks and shares.

Involved *in* difficulties.  
 Irrelevant *to* the question.  
 Irrespective *of* consequences.  
 Jealous *of* his reputation.  
 Lame *in* one leg.  
 Lavish *of* money.  
 Lavish *in* his expenditure.  
 Lax *in* his morals.  
 Level *with* the ground.  
 Liable *to* error.  
 Liable *for* payment.  
 Liberal *of* his advice.  
 Limited *to* a certain area.  
 Lost *to* all sense of shame.  
 Loyal *to* the government.  
 Mad *with* disappointment.  
 Made *for* a teacher.  
 Made *of* iron.  
 Meet *for* a rich man.  
 Mindful *of* his promise.  
 Mistaken *for* a traveller.  
 Mistaken *in* a belief.  
 Moved *to* tears.  
 Moved *with* pity.  
 Moved *at* the sight.  
 Moved *by* entreaties.  
 Natural *to* a person.  
 Necessary *to* happiness.  
 Neglectful *of* his interests.  
 Negligent *of* duty.  
 Negligent *in* his work.  
 Notorious *for* his misdeeds.  
 Obedient *to* parents.  
 Obligatory *on* a person.  
 Obligated *to* a person.  
 Obligated *for* some kindness.  
 Obstinate *in* his resistance.  
 Occupied *with* some work.  
 Occupied *in* reading a book.  
 Offended *with* a person.  
 Offended *at* something done.  
 Offensive *to* a person.  
 Open *to* flattery.  
 Opposed *to* facts.

Overcome *with* sorrow.  
 Overwhelmed *with* grief.  
 Painful *to* one's feelings.  
 Parallel *to* or *with* anything.  
 Partial *to* the youngest son.  
 Patient *to* suffering.  
 Peculiar *to* a person or thing.  
 Polite *in* manners.  
 Polite *to* strangers.  
 Poor *in* spirit.  
 Popular *with* schoolfellows.  
 Popular *for* his pluck.  
 Possessed *of* wealth.  
 Possessed *with* a notion.  
 Precious *to* a person.  
 Pre-eminent *above* the rest.  
 Pre-eminent *in* cleverness.  
 Preferable *to* something else.  
 Prejudicial *to* his interests.  
 Preliminary *to* an inquiry.  
 Prepared *for* the worst.  
 (A) preventive *of* fever (*noun*)  
 Previous *to* some event.  
 Productive *of* wealth.  
 Proficient *in* mathematics.  
 Profitable *to* an investor.  
 Profuse *with* his money.  
 Profuse *in* his offers.  
 Prone *to* idleness.  
 Proper *for* or *to* the occasion.  
 Proud *of* his position.  
 Pursuant *to* an inquiry.  
 Qualified *for* teaching music.  
 Quick *of* understanding.  
 Quick *at* mathematics.  
 Radiant *with* smiles.  
 Ready *for* action.  
 Ready *in* his answers.  
 Reconciled *to* a position.  
 Reconciled *with* an opponent.  
 Reduced *to* poverty.  
 Regardless *of* consequences.  
 Related *to* a person.  
 Relative *to* a question.

Relevant *to* the point.  
 Remiss *in* his duties.  
 Remote *from* one's intentions.  
 Repentant *of* his sin.  
 Repugnant *to* his wishes.  
 Repulsive *to* his feelings.  
 Requisite *to* happiness.  
 Requisite *for* a purpose.  
 Resolved *into* its elements.  
 Resolved *on* doing a thing.  
 Respectful *to* or *towards* one's superiors.  
 Responsible *to* a person.  
 Responsible *for* his actions.  
 Restricted *in* means, ability, etc.  
 Restricted *to* certain persons.  
 Revenged *on* a person *for* doing something.  
 Rich *in* house property.  
 Rid *of* trouble.  
 Sacred *to* a man's memory.  
 Sanguine *of* success.  
 Satisfactory *to* a person.  
 Satisfied *with* his income.  
 Secure *from* harm.  
 Secure *against* an attack.  
 Sensible *of* kindness.  
 Sensitive *to* blame.  
 Serviceable *to* a person.  
 Shocked *at* your behaviour.  
 Shocking *to* everyone.  
 Short *of* money.  
 Silent *about* or *on* a subject.  
 Similar *to* a person or thing.  
 Skilful *in* doing a thing.  
 Slow *of* speech.  
 Slow *in* making up his mind.  
 Slow *at* accounts.  
 Solicitous *for* your safety.  
 Sorry *for* someone.  
 Sorry *about* an occurrence.  
 Sparing *of* praise.  
 Stained *with* crimes.  
 Startled *at* a sight.  
 Steeped *in* vice.  
 Strange *to* a person.

Strange *in* appearance.  
 Subject *to* authority.  
 Subordinate *to* a person.  
 Subsequent *to* another event.  
 Sufficient *for* a purpose.  
 Suitable *to* or *for* the occasion.  
 Suited *to* the occasion.  
 Suited *for* a post.  
 Sure *of* success.  
 Suspicious *of* his intentions.  
 Sympathetic *with* sufferers.  
 Tantamount *to* a falsehood.  
 Temperate *in* his habits.  
 Thankful *for* past favours.  
 Tired *of* doing nothing.  
 Tired *with* his exertions.  
 Transported *with* joy.  
 True *to* his convictions.  
 Uneasy *about* consequences.  
 Useful *for* a certain purpose.  
 Vain *of* his appearance.  
 Veiled *in* mystery.  
 Versed *in* a subject.  
 Vested *in* a person.  
 Vexed *with* a person *for* doing something.  
 Vexed *at* or *about* a thing.  
 Victorious *over* difficulties.  
 Void *of* meaning.  
 Wanting *in* common sense.  
 Wary *of* telling secrets.  
 Weak *of* understanding.  
 Weak *in* his head.  
 Weary *of* doing nothing.  
 Welcome *to* my house.  
 Worthy *of* praise.  
 Zealous *for* improvement.  
 Zealous *in* a cause.

### (c) Verbs Followed By Prepositions

Abide *by* a promise.  
 Abound *in* or *with* fish.  
 Absolve *of* or *from* a charge.  
 Abstain *from* wine.  
 Accede *to* a request.  
 Accord *with* a thing.



Account *for* a fact.  
 Accrue *to* a person.  
 Accuse *of* some misdeed.  
 Acquiesce *in* a decision.  
 Acquit *of* blame.  
 Adapt *to* circumstances.  
 Adhere *to* a plan.  
 Admit *of* an excuse.  
 Admit *to* or *into* secret.  
 Admonish *of* or *for* a fault.  
 Agree *to* a proposal.  
 Agree *with* a person.  
 Aim *at* a mark.  
 Alight *from* a carriage.  
 Alight *on* the ground.  
 Allot *to* a person.  
 Allow *of* delay.  
 Allude *to* a fact.  
 Alternate *with* something else.  
 Anchor *off* the shore.  
 Answer *to* a person.  
 Answer *for* conduct.  
 Apologise *to* a person.  
 Apologise *for* rudeness.  
 Appeal *to* a person.  
 Appeal *for* redress or help.  
 Appeal *against* a sentence.  
 Apply *to* a person *for* a thing.  
 Appoint *to* a situation.  
 Apprise *of* a fact.  
 Approve *of* an action.  
 Arbitrate *between* two persons.  
 Argue *with* a person *for* or *against* a point.  
 Arrive *at* a small place.  
 Arrive *in* a country or a large city, *e.g.*, Arrive *in* London.  
 Ascribe *to* a cause.  
 Ask *for* a thing.  
 Ask *of* or *from* a person.  
 Aspire *after* or *to* worldly greatness.  
 Assent *to* your terms.  
 Associate *with* a person or thing.  
 Assure a person *of* a fact.  
 Atone *for* a fault.

Attain *to* a high place.  
 Attend *to* a speaker.  
 Attend *on* a person.  
 Attribute *to* a cause.  
 Avail oneself *of* an offer.  
 Avenge oneself *on* a person.  
 Bark *at* a person or thing.  
 Bask *in* sunshine.  
 Bear *with* someone's faults.  
 Beat *against* the rocks (the waves).  
 Beat *on* one's head.  
 Become *of* you (what will) ?  
 Beg pardon *of* a person.  
 Beg a person *to* do a thing.  
 Beg *for* something *from* someone.  
 Begin *with* the first.  
 Believe *in* one's honesty.  
 Belong *to* a person.  
 Bequeath a thing *to* a person.  
 Bestow a thing *on* a person.  
 Bethink oneself *of* something.  
 Beware *of* the dog.  
 Blame a person *for* something.  
 Blush *at* an embarrassing remark.  
 Blush *for* anyone who is at fault.  
 Boast or brag *of* one's cleverness.  
 Border *on* a place.  
 Borrow *of* or *from* a person.  
 Break *into* a house (thieves).  
 Break oneself *of* a habit.  
 Break *through* restraint.  
 Break bad news *to* a person.  
 Break (sever relations) *with* a person.  
 Bring a thing *to* light.  
 Bring *to* one's notice.  
 Brood *over* past grievances.  
 Burst *into* tears.  
 Buy a thing *from* person or shop.  
 Calculate *on* success.  
 Call *on* a person (visit him at his house or summon to do something).  
 Call *to* (shout to) a person.  
 Call *for* (require) punishment.  
 Canvass *for* votes.

- Care *for* (value, love, or attend upon) a person or thing.
- Caution a person *against* danger.
- Cease *from* quarrelling.
- Challenge a person *to* combat.
- Charge a person *with* a crime.
- Charge payment *to* a person.
- Charge a person *for* goods supplied.
- Charge goods *to* a person's account.
- Cheat a person *of* his due.
- Clamour *for* higher wages.
- Clash *with* another (of colours).
- Clear a person *of* blame.
- Cling *to* a person or thing.
- Close *with* (accept) an offer.
- Combat *with* difficulties.
- Come *across* (accidentally meet) anyone.
- Come *into* fashion.
- Come *by* (obtain) a thing.
- Come *of* (result from) something.
- Come *to* (amount to) forty.
- Commence *with* a thing.
- Comment *on* a matter.
- Communicate something *to* a person.
- Communicate *with* a person *on* a subject.
- Compare similars *with* similars—as one fruit *with* another.
- Compare things dissimilar, by way of illustration — as genius *to* a lightning flash.
- Compensate a person *for* his loss.
- Compete *with* a person *for* a prize.
- Complain *of* some annoyance *to* a person.
- Complain *against* a person.
- Comply *with* one's wishes.
- Conceal facts *from* anyone.
- Concur *with* a person.
- Concur *in* an opinion.
- Condemn a person *to* death *for* murder.
- Condole *with* a person.
- Conduce *to* happiness.
- Confer (*Trans.*) a thing *on* anyone.
- Confer (*Intrans.*) *with* a person *about* something.
- Confide (*Trans.*) a secret *to* anyone.
- Confide (*Intrans.*) *in* a person.
- Conform *to* (follow) a rule.
- Conform *with* one's views.
- Confront a person *with* his accusers.
- Congratulate a person *on* his success.
- Connive *at* other men's misdeeds.
- Consent *to* some proposal.
- Consign *to* destruction.
- Consist *of* materials.
- Consist *in* (be comprising in), *e.g.*, 'Virtue consists *in* being uncomfortable.'
- Consult *with* a person *on or about* some matter.
- Contend *with* or *against* a person.
- Contend *for* or *about* a thing.
- Contribute *to* a fund.
- Converge *to* a point.
- Converse *with* a person *about* a thing.
- Convict a person *of* a crime.
- Convince a person *of* a fact.
- Cope *with* a person or task.
- Correspond *with* a person (write).
- Correspond *to* something (agree).
- Count *on* a person or thing (rely on) *e.g.*, I count *on* you to see this done.
- Crave *for* or *after* happiness.
- Crow *over* a defeated rival.
- Cure a man *of* a disease.
- Cut a thing *in* or *into* pieces
- Cut a thing *in* half.
- Dabble *in* politics.
- Dash *against* anything.
- Dash *over* anything.
- Dawn *on* a person.
- Deal well or ill *by* a person
- Deal *in* (trade in) cloth, tea, spices, etc.
- Deal *with* a person (have dealings in trade etc.).
- Deal *with* a subject (write or speak about it).
- Debar *from* doing anything.
- Debit *with* a sum of money.
- Decide *on* something.
- Decide *against* something.
- Declare *for* something.
- Declare *against* something.
- Defend a person *from* harm.
- Defraud a person *of* his due.
- Deliberate *on* a matter.
- Delight *in* music.

Deliver *from* some evil.  
 Demand a thing *of* a person.  
 Depend *on* a person or thing.  
 Deprive a person *of* a thing.  
 Desist *from* an attempt.  
 Despair *of* success.  
 Deter a person *from* an action.  
 Determine *on* doing something.  
 Detract *from* one's reputation.  
 Deviate *from* a certain course.  
 Die *of* a disease.  
 Die *from* some cause, as overwork.  
 Die *by* violence.  
 Differ *with* a person *on* a subject.  
 Differ *from* anything (to be unlike).  
 Digress *from* the point.  
 Dip *into* a book.  
 Disable one *from* doing something.  
 Disagree *with* a person.  
 Disapprove *of* anything.  
 Dispense *with* a man's services.  
 Dispose *of* (sell) property.  
 Dispute *with* a person *about* anything.  
 Dissent *from* an opinion.  
 Dissuade *from* an action.  
 Distinguish one thing *from* another.  
 Distinguish *between* two things.  
 Divert a person *from* a purpose.  
 Divest one's mind *of* fear.  
 Divide *in* half, *into* four parts.  
 Dote *upon* a person or thing.  
 Draw *for* money *on* a bank.  
 Draw money *from* a bank.  
 Dream *of* strange things.  
 Drive *at* some point.  
 Drop *off* a tree.  
 Drop *out of* the ranks.  
 Dwell *on* a subject.  
 Eat *into* iron.  
 Elicit *from* a person.  
 Emerge *from* the forest.  
 Encroach *on* one's authority.  
 Endorse *with* a signature.  
 Endow a hospital money.

Enjoin *on* a person.  
 Enlarge *on* a subject.  
 Enlist *in* the army.  
 Enlist a person *in* some project.  
 Enter *upon* a career.  
 Enter *into* one's plans.  
 Entitle anyone *to* an estate.  
 Entrust anyone *with* a thing.  
 Entrust a thing *to* anyone.  
 Err *on the side of* leniency.  
 Escape *from* jail.  
 Exact payment *from* a person.  
 Excel *in* languages.  
 Exchange one thing *for* another.  
 Exchange *with* a person.  
 Excuse (pardon) *for* something.  
 Exempt a person *from* a rule.  
 Exonerate a person *from* blame.  
 Explain *to* a person.  
 Exult *in* a victory *over* a rival.  
 Fail *in* an attempt.  
 Fail *of* a purpose.  
 Fall *among* thieves.  
 Fall *in love with* a person.  
 Fall *in with* one's views.  
 Fall *into* error.  
 Fall *on* the enemy (attack).  
 Fall *under* someone's pleasure.  
 Fall *upon* evil days.  
 Fawn *on* a person.  
 Feed (*Intrans.*) *on* grass.  
 Feed (*Trans.*) a cow *with* grass, or grass *to* a cow.  
 Feel *for* a person *in* his trouble.  
 Fight *for* the weak *against* the strong.  
 Fight *with* or *against* a person.  
 Fill *with* anything.  
 Fire *on* or *at* the enemy.  
 Fish *for* compliments.  
 Flirt *with* a person.  
 Fly *at* (attack) anyone.  
 Fly *into* a rage.  
 Free *of* or *from* anything.  
 Furnish a person *with* a thing.  
 Furnish a thing *to* a person.

Gain *on* someone in a race.  
 Get *at* (find out) the facts.  
 Get *away* from (escape).  
 Get *on with* a person (live or work smoothly with him).  
 Get *out of* debt.  
 Get *over* (recover from) an illness.  
 Get *to* a journey's end.  
 Glance *at* an object.  
 Glance *over* a letter.  
 Glory *in* success.  
 Grapple *with* difficulties.  
 Grasp *at* (try to seize) something.  
 Grieve *at* or *for* or *about* an event.  
 Grieve *for* a person.  
 Grow *upon* one = (a habit grows upon one).  
 Grumble *at* one's lot.  
 Guard *against* a bad habit.  
 Guess *at* something.  
 Hanker *after* riches.  
 Happen *to* a person.  
 Heal *of* a disease.  
 Hear *of* an event.  
 Hesitate *at* nothing.  
 Hide a thing *from* a person.  
 Hinder one *from* doing something.  
 Hinge *on* (depend on) some event.  
 Hint *at* an intention.  
 Hope *for* something.  
 Hover *over* a nest.  
 Hunt *after* or *for* anything.  
 Identify one person or thing *with* another.  
 Impart a thing *to* a person.  
 Import goods *into* a country.  
 Import things *from* a country.  
 Impose *on* (deceive) a person.  
 Impress an idea *on* a person.  
 Impress a person *with* an idea.  
 Impute blame *to* a person.  
 Incite a person *to* some action.  
 Infer one fact *from* another.  
 Inflict punishment *on* a person.  
 Inform a person *of* a thing.  
 Inform *against* a person.  
 Infuse an ingredient *into* some mixture.

Initiate a man *into* an office or society.  
 Inquire *into* a matter.  
 Inquire *of* a person *about* or *concerning* some matter.  
 Insist *on* a point.  
 Inspire a man *with* courage.  
 Instil a thing *into* the mind.  
 Intercede *with* a superior *for* someone else.  
 Interfere *with* a person *in* some matter.  
 Intermingle one thing *with* another.  
 Intersect *with* each other.  
 Introduce a person *to* someone.  
 Introduce *into* a place or society.  
 Intrude *on* one's leisure.  
 Intrude *into* one's house.  
 Invest money *in* some project.  
 Invest a person *with* authority.  
 Invite a person *to* dinner.  
 Involve a person *in* debt.  
 Issue *from* some source.  
 Issue *in* a result.  
 Jar *against* an object.  
 Jar *on* one's nerves.  
 Jeer *at* a person.  
 Jest *at* (make fun of) a person.  
 Join *in* a game.  
 Join one thing *to* another.  
 Judge *of* something *by* something.  
 Jump *at* (eagerly accept) an offer.  
 Jump *to* a conclusion.  
 Keep *back* (hold back) a secret.  
 Keep (abstain) *from* wine.  
 Keep *off* the grass.  
 Keep *to* (adhere to) a point.  
 Keep *under* (hold in subjection).  
 Keep *up* (prevent from sinking) prices.  
 Knock one's head *against* a wall.  
 Knock *at* a door.  
 Know *of* (be aware of) a person.  
 Labour *under* a misapprehension.  
 Labour *for* the public good.  
 Labour *in* a good cause.  
 Labour *at* some task.  
 Lament *for* the dead.

Languish *for* home.  
 Lapse *into* disuse.  
 Laugh *at* a person or thing.  
 Laugh *to* scorn.  
 Lay *by* (save money, etc.) for future needs.  
 Lay *down* one's arms (surrender).  
 Lay facts *before* a person.  
 Lead *to* Calcutta (a road).  
 Lean *against* a wall.  
 Lean *on* a staff.  
 Lean *to* a certain opinion.  
 Level a city *with* the ground.  
 Lie *in* one's power.  
 Light *on* a person or object.  
 Listen *to* complaints.  
 Live *for* riches or fame.  
 Live *by* honest labour.  
 Live *on* a small income.  
 Live *within* one's means.  
 Long *for* anything.  
 Look *after* (take care of) a person or business.  
 Look *at* a person or thing.  
 Look *into* (closely examine) a matter.  
 Look *for* (search for) something lost.  
 Look *over* (inspect one by one) an account.  
 Look *through* (glance through) a book.  
 Look *to* (be careful about) your movement.  
 Look *up* a reference.  
 Make *away with* (kill) a person.  
 Make *for* (conduce to) happiness.  
 Make *for* (proceed in the direction of) home, the shore. etc.  
 Make *off* (run away) with stolen goods.  
 Make *up* (supply) deficiency.  
 Make *up* (compensate), as 'make *up* for lost time'; 'We must make it *up* to (compensate) him somehow.'  
 Make *up* (invent) a story.  
 Make some meaning *of* a thing.  
 Marry one person *to* another.  
 Marvel *at* some *sight* or report.  
 Match one thing *with* another.  
 Meddle *with* other people's business.  
 Meditate *on* some subject.  
 Meet *with* a rebuff.

Merge *into* or *with* anything.  
 Mourn *for* the dead.  
 Murmur *at* or *against* anything.  
 Muse *upon* the beauties of nature.  
 Object *to* some proposal.  
 Occur *to* one's mind.  
 Offend *against* good taste.  
 Officiate *for* someone *in* a post.  
 Operate *on* a patient.  
 Originate *in* a thing or place.  
 Originate *with* a person.  
 Overwhelm *with* kindness.  
 Part *with* a person or thing.  
 Partake *of* some food.  
 Participate *with* a person *in* his gains.  
 Pass *away* (die, come to an end).  
 Pass *by* someone's house.  
 Pass *from* one thing *into* another.  
 Pass *for* a clever man.  
 Pass *on* (hand round, transfer), as 'Read this and pass it *on*.'  
 Pass *over* (make no remark upon) his subsequent conduct.  
 Pay (suffer) *for* one's folly.  
 Perish *by* the sword.  
 Perish *with* cold.  
 Persevere *in* an effort.  
 Persist *in* doing something.  
 Pine *for* something lost.  
 Play *on* or *upon* the guitar.  
 Play (trick, joke, prank) *on* a person.  
 Play (trifle with, treat lightly) *with* one's health.  
 Plot *against* a man.  
 Plunge *into* a river, work, etc.  
 Point *at* a person.  
 Point *to* some result.  
 Ponder *on* or *over* a subject.  
 Possess oneself *of* an estate.  
 Pounce *on* or *upon* a person or thing.  
 Pray *to* God *for* guidance.  
 Prefer one thing *to* another.  
 Prejudice anyone *against* some person or thing.  
 Prepare *for* the worst.  
 Prepare *against* disaster.  
 Present anyone *with* a book.

- Preserve *from* harm.  
 Preside *at* a meeting.  
 Preside *over* a meeting.  
 Prevail *on* (persuade) a person to do something.  
 Prevail *against* or *over* an adversary.  
 Prevail *with* a person (have more influence than anything else).  
 Prevent *from* going.  
 Prey *upon* one's health (or mind).  
 Pride oneself *on* a thing.  
 Proceed *with* a business already begun.  
 Proceed *to* a business not yet begun.  
 Proceed *from* one point *to* another.  
 Proceed *against* (prosecute) a person.  
 Prohibit *from* doing something.  
 Protect *from* harm.  
 Protest *against* injustice.  
 Provide *for* one's children.  
 Provide *against* a rainy day.  
 Provide oneself *with* something.  
 Provoke one *to* anger.  
 Pry *into* a secret.  
 Punish anyone *for* a fault.  
 Purge the mind *of* false notions.  
 Quake *with* fear.  
 Qualify oneself *for* a post.  
 Quarrel *with* someone *over* or *about* something.  
 Quote something *from* an author.  
 Reason *with* a person *about* something.  
 Rebel *against* authority.  
 Reckon *on* (confidently expect) something.  
 Reckon *with* (settle accounts with) a person.  
 Recompense one *for* some service.  
 Reconcile *to* a loss.  
 Reconciled *with* an enemy.  
 Recover *from* an illness.  
 Refer *to* a subject.  
 Reflect credit *on* a person.  
 Reflect (*Intrans.*) *on* a man's conduct.  
 Refrain *from* tears.  
 Rejoice *at* the success of another.  
 Rejoice *in* one's own success.  
 Relieve one *of* a task.  
 Rely *on* a person or thing.  
 Remind a person *of* a thing.  
 Remonstrate *with* a person *against* some proceeding.  
 Render (translate) *into* English.  
 Repent *of* imprudence.  
 Repose (*Intrans.*) *on* a bed.  
 Repose confidence *in* a person.  
 Reprimand a person *for* a fault.  
 Require something *of* someone.  
 Resolve *on* a course of action.  
 Rest *on* a couch.  
 (It) rests *with* a person to do, etc.  
 Result *from* a cause.  
 Result *in* a consequence.  
 Retaliate *on* an enemy.  
 Revenge myself *of* someone *for* some injury.  
 Revolt *against* government.  
 Reward a man *with* something *for* some services done.  
 Ride *at* anchor.  
 Rob a person *of* something.  
 Rule *over* a country.  
 Run *after* (eagerly follow) new fashions.  
 Run *into* debt.  
 Run *over* (read rapidly) an account.  
 Run *through* one's money.  
 Save a person or thing *from* harm.  
 Scoff *at* religion.  
 Search *for* something lost.  
 Search *into* (carefully examine) a matter.  
 See *about* (consider) a matter.  
 See *into* (investigate) a matter.  
 See *through* (understand) his meaning.  
 See *to* (attend to) a matter.  
 Seek *after* or *for* happiness.  
 Send *for* a doctor.  
 Sentence a man *to* imprisonment (or death).  
 Set *about* (begin working at) a task.  
 Set *down* (put in writing) your terms.  
 Set *forth* (begin journey or expedition).  
 Set *in*, as 'A reaction set in'  
 Set *out* (begin journey).  
 Set a person *over* (in charge of) a business.  
 Set *upon* (attack) a traveller.  
 Show a person *over* a house *into* a room.  
 Shudder *at* cruelty.



Side *with* a person *in* a dispute.  
 Smile *at* (deride) a person's threats.  
 Smile *on* (favour) a person.  
 Snatch *at* (try to seize) a thing.  
 Speak *of* a subject (briefly).  
 Speak *on* a subject (at great length).  
 Speculate *in* shares.  
 Speculate *on* a possible future.  
 Stand *against* (resist) an enemy.  
 Stand *by* (support) a friend.  
 Stand *on* one's dignity.  
 Stand *up for* (defend) something or someone.  
 Stare *at* a person.  
 Stare a person *in* the face.  
 Start *for* Calcutta.  
 Stick *at* nothing.  
 Stick *to* his point.  
 Stoop *to* meanness.  
 Strike *at* (aim a blow at) someone.  
 Strike *for* higher pay.  
 Strike *on* a rock (of a ship).  
 Strike *up* (begin playing).  
 Struggle *against* difficulties.  
 Subject a person *to* censure.  
 Submit *to* authority.  
 Subscribe *to* a fund or a doctrine.  
 Subsist *on* scanty food.  
 Succeed *to* a property.  
 Succeed *in* an undertaking.  
 Succumb *to* difficulties.  
 Sue *for* peace.  
 Supply a thing *to* a person.  
 Supply a person *with* a thing.  
 Surrender *to* the enemy.  
 Sympathise *with* a person *in* his troubles.  
 Take *after* (resemble) his father.  
 Take a person *for* a spy.  
 Take *off* (of an aeroplane leaving the ground).  
 Take *to* (acquire the habit of) gambling.  
 Take *upon* oneself to do a thing.  
 Talk *of* or *about* an event.  
 Talk *over* (discuss) a matter.  
 Talk *to* or *with* a person.

Tamper *with* statistics.  
 Taste *of* salt.  
 Tell *of* or *about* an event.  
 Testify *to* a fact.  
 Think *of* or *about* anything.  
 Think *over* (consider) a matter.  
 Threaten anyone *with* a lawsuit.  
 Throw a stone *at* anyone.  
 Tide *over* losses.  
 Touch *at* Gibraltar (ships).  
 Touch *upon* (briefly allude to) a subject.  
 Tower *over* everyone else.  
 Trade *with* a country *in* oranges.  
 Tremble *with* fear *at* a lion.  
 Trespass *against* rules.  
 Trespass *on* a person's time or land.  
 Trifle *with* anyone's feelings.  
 Triumph *over* obstacles.  
 Trust *in* a person.  
 Trust *to* someone's honesty.  
 Trust someone *with* money. (*Trans.*)  
 Turn verse *into* prose.  
 Turn *to* a friend *for* help.  
 Turn *upon* (hinge on) evidence.  
 Upbraid a person *with* ingratitude.  
 Urge a fact *on* one's attention.  
 Venture *upon* an undertaking.  
 Vie *with* another (person).  
 Vote *for* (in favour of) anything.  
 Vote *against* a thing.  
 Wait *at* table.  
 Wait *for* a person or thing.  
 Wait *on* (attend) a person.  
 Warn a person *of* danger or consequences.  
 Warn a person *against* a person or thing or doing.  
 Wink *at* one's faults.  
 Wish *for* anything.  
 Work *at* mathematics.  
 Work *for* small pay.  
 Worm oneself *into* another man's confidence.  
 Wrestle *with* an adversary.  
 Yearn *for* affection.  
 Yield *to* persuasion.